

WELCOME

Highway 101 Greenbrae/Twin Cities Corridor Improvement Project

Informational Open House and Scoping Meeting

September 29, 2009



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PUBLIC WORKSHOP AGENDA

- Welcome / Meeting Purpose
- Project Overview
- Overview of the Environmental Review Process
- Next Steps
- Public Comment
 - Hear comments related to topics to address in the EA/EIR
 - Oral and written comments will be documented in a Scoping Report



PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Review Project Progress
- Initiate Environmental Review Process
- Obtain Input on Issues to Address in the Environmental Analysis, Purpose and Need Statement, and Range of Project Alternatives

PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED

The specific needs to be addressed by the proposed project include:

- Improve existing traffic operations along US 101 between Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (Greenbrae Interchange) and the Tamalpais Drive Interchange in the peak periods by increasing interchange spacing where possible, eliminating non-standard weaving distances between on-and-off ramps, and improving the on-ramp and-off ramp merge and diverge points.
- Maintain access to and from US 101 and the local roadway network, adjacent business, and residential areas.
- Reduce traffic congestion on the local street network adjacent to US 101 by improving access to and from US 101 and operations along US 101.

PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED

Project needs continued...

- Reduce local traffic on the freeway and reduce regional traffic on the local street network by reducing or eliminating circuitous routes of travel.
- Reduce the potential for peak hour accidents at the freeway access points by improving operations, and reducing congestion on US 101 and improving existing non-standard design features.
- Improve non-standard bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the project area, and reduce vehicle/pedestrian/bicycle conflicts.
- Improve pedestrian connectivity from local businesses and residential areas to bus stops, the Larkspur Ferry Terminal, and the proposed SMART Station.

CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Federal and State Environmental Review:

- National Environmental Policy Act/California Environmental Quality Act (NEPA/CEQA)
- Caltrans Lead Agency

Environmental Document:

- Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report (EA/EIR)

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

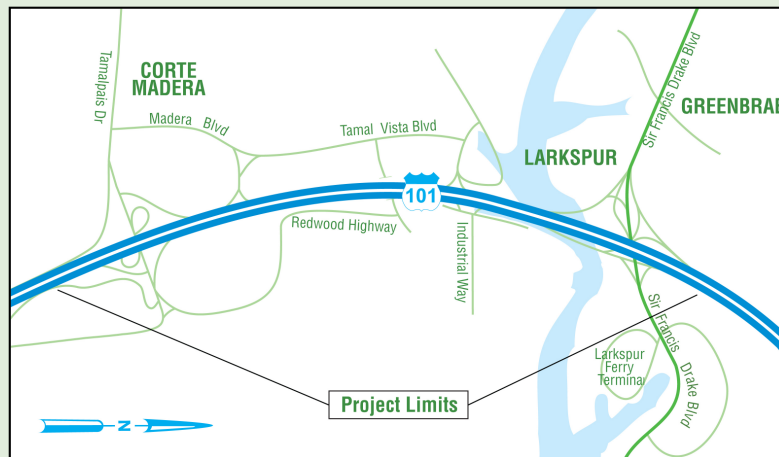
Purpose of the EA/EIR:

- Identify and disclose potential environmental impacts of project alternatives
- Identify mitigation to reduce or eliminate significant environmental impacts
- Identify a preferred alternative

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Technical studies to be completed for the project:

- Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (Hazardous Materials)
- Visual Assessment
- Natural Environment Study (Biological Resources)
- Cultural Resources Studies
- Geotechnical Study
- Hydrology and Drainage
- Traffic Analysis
- 4(f) Resources
- Human Environment/Community Impacts Assessment
- Noise Analysis
- Air Quality Analysis
- Water Quality
- Floodplains



NEXT STEPS

- Complete Project Study Report
- Conduct Environmental Analysis/Prepare Technical Studies
- Prepare Draft Environmental Document for Public Review
- Conduct Public Hearing(s)
- Select Preferred Alternative
- Project Approval, Final Design, and Construction

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

- Submit a speaker card with your name
- Facilitator will invite each speaker to the microphone
- State your name and affiliation (if any)
- Respect time limits to provide all participants an equal opportunity to speak

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

**Please submit comments today
or mail by November 30, 2009 to:**

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HOW TO STAY INVOLVED

- Provide **comments** today
- **Submit written comments** by 5:00 p.m. on October 17, 2009
- Contact **the project team**:
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